

Summary of PSR-PDS Guidance Comments

PID Working Committee Meeting
September, 26 2011

Request for PSR-PDS Comments

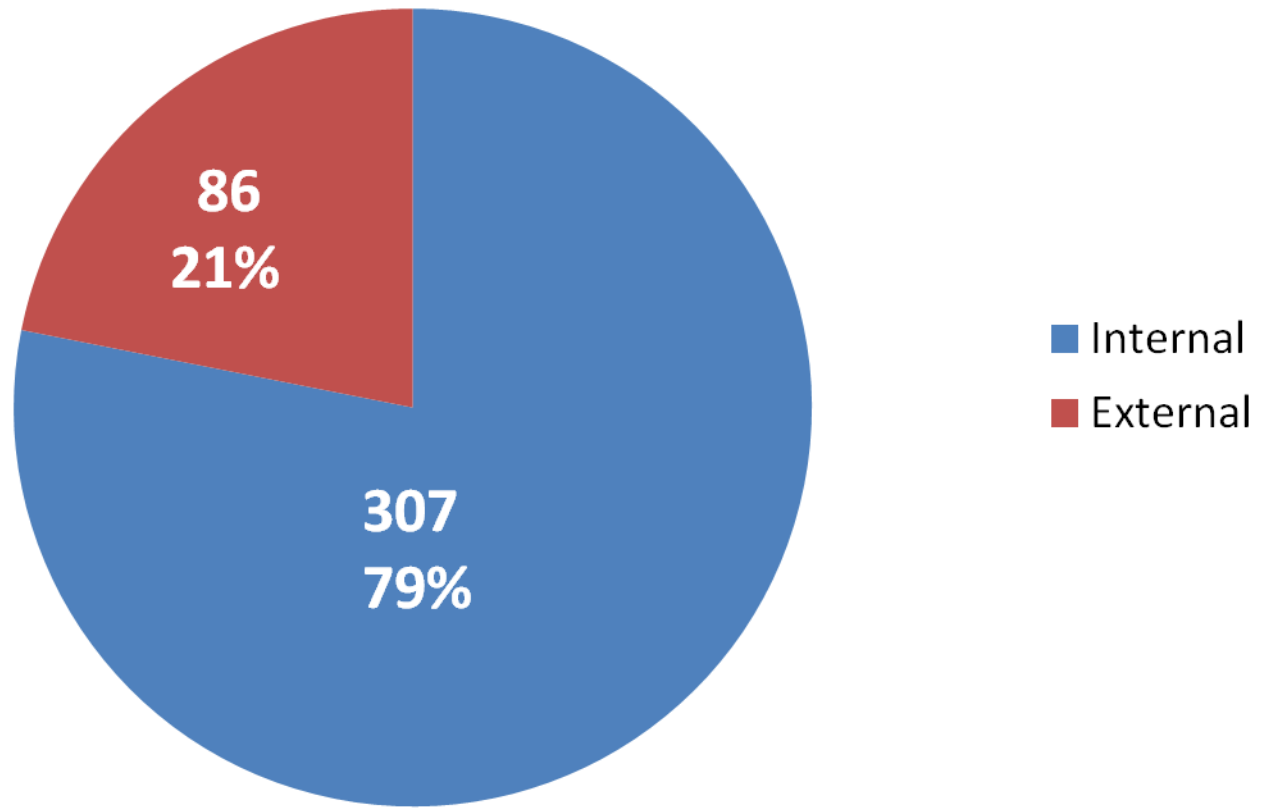
- Request Sent on Aug. 4th with a due date of August 19th
 - Caltrans Districts Divisions/Functional Units
 - Local and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies
 - Caltrans Headquarters Divisions/Functional Units
 - PID Committee

Internal External Review

Caltrans Headquarters	Caltrans Districts	External Partners
Design	D-3	
Environmental	D-4	Metropolitan Transportation Commission , San Francisco County Transportation Authority, Valley Transportation Authority
Engineering Services	D-5	Santa Cruz County Transportation Commission, Transportation Agency for Monterey County
Maintenance	D-7	LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Mass Transportation	D-8	San Bernardino Associated Governments
Tranportation Planning	D-10	
Project Management	D-11	San Diego Association of Governments/ TransNet
Right of Way	D-12	Orange County Transportation Authority
Surveys		California State Association of Counties
Stormwater		
Structures		
Traffic Operations		

Breakdown of Comments

393 Total (Non-Formatting Comments)



Breakdown by Chapter

Overall Comments	25
1. Introduction (Purpose for PSR-PDS and Applicability)	25
2. PSR-PDS Process (Preparation Procedures)	159
3. Outline for PSR-PDS	101
4. Estimates	4
5. Scoping Tools	91
6. PID Templates	13
Total	393

Overall Comments

- Support for PSR-PDS – a move in the right direction
- Still seems to include too much detail
 - A certain level of detail is needed because the guidance covers State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Long Lead SHOPP, and locally funded projects
 - Need to strike a balance of information

Major Modifications/Clarification

Purpose for PSR-PDS and Applicability

- Clarified purpose of PSR-PDS and the need to identify the appropriate PID document during the Pre-PID meeting.
 - The PSR-PDS provides a key opportunity for Caltrans and involved regional and local agencies to achieve consensus on the project purpose and need, scope, and schedule.
 - The purpose of the PSR-PDS is to gain approval for the project to move into the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA/ED) phase.
 - The PSR-PDS identifies the support costs needed to complete PA/ED.

Major Modifications/Clarification

Pre-PID Meeting

- Clarified items to be reviewed in Pre-PID meeting:
 - Project Charter
 - Communication Plan
 - Conflict Management Plan
 - Purpose and Need
 - Basic Design Criteria
 - Quality Management Roles and Responsibilities
 - Lead Agency (when Caltrans is NEPA and/or CEQA lead)
 - Cooperative Agreement
 - Identify Known Deficiencies
 - PSR-PDS and PID Process
 - Design Concept and Scope

Major Modifications/Clarification

PSR-PDS Process – Alternatives

- Clarified that the PSR-PDS will identify a reasonable range of alternatives each with an order of magnitude capital cost estimate to be carried forward to PA/ED.
 - Design Standards
 - Clarified that Fact Sheets are not required – identify non-standard geometrics to determine if a Mandatory or Advisory Design Exception is anticipated
 - Modification made to ‘discuss’ design exceptions with Headquarters Design Coordinator instead of ‘agreed upon’ by Headquarters Design Coordinator.
 - Design exceptions are approved or denied in PA/ED.

Major Modifications/Clarification

PSR-PDS Process – Risk Register

- Clarified that potential risks shall be evaluated and discussed by the Project Development Team (PDT), and ownership of the risks shall be identified.

Major Modifications/Clarification

Scoping Tools

- Clarified that the scoping tools are intended to assist with identifying the support costs needed to complete PA/ED.
 - (i.e.. Detailed traffic studies)
- Only Required Attachments/scoping tools are to be attached to the PSR-PDS
- Both Required Attachments and Required Supplemental Documents for Project Files are to be summarized in the PSR-PDS

Scoping Tools - Required Attachments

- Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report
- Transportation Planning Scoping Information Sheet
- Right of Way Conceptual Cost Estimate Component
- Risk Register

Scoping Tools - Required Supplemental Documents for Project Files

- Clarified that these scoping tools should only be summarized in the PSR-PDS
 - Quality Management Plan For Locally Implemented Projects on the State Highway System
 - Storm Water Documentation
 - PSR-PDS Survey Needs Questionnaire
 - Traffic Engineering Performance Assessment
 - Division of Engineering Services Scoping Checklist
 - Design Scoping Index or Equivalent Document

QUESTIONS?